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Dear Russ,

The real purpose of this letter is a reminder, not a request that you go out of your way to do something. Meanwhile, hope you are both okay and that the possibility of a March speech materializes if only so we can be together again for a while.

Most nights and early mornings, WBBM radio puts a good signal in here. Of the all-news (ugh) stations, during these hours, it has the best. So, from time to time, depending on what I'm doing, I listen to it. Recently they have been plugging something that interests me. Not for current writing, but for understanding, the completeness of a file and possible future use. The Sun-Times has had a series based on or written around what one of the jurors in the nonconspiracy trial has said. These I'd like, but only if you know someone from whom you can get them without trouble or cost. I suggest you may also want this kind of material for RISC files, for it is apparent a new dimension has been added to the jury and what can be done with and to it (apparent to me, at least).

Nothing really new here. I've stayed fairly busy on an assortment of odds and ends, which, emotionally, is not good for me. I must plunge again into my work on the autopsy. I have a couple of suggestions from a gun-buff friend on COUP II and then, I think, I lay it aside until lightening strikes. I can spend no more time on it. Returning to the POST MORTEM books means I'll have to begin with rereading what I have done, then go into a large file laid aside for the final part, and I will not find this fun.

One of the things that has been kind of a drag is that I have to go over my own files preparatory to filing suits against the government. The one on the King/Ray material is close. The lawyer has a rough draft of the complaint and lacks, he says, only time for a little research ~~for~~ on one aspect before the actual filing. We plan a press conference for that occasion. Last week he said about two weeks. (Thus, if you can line up an appearance, it would be very timely, with the suit filed. Man, you talk about repression! Here also I have a new dimension. It should really turn blacks on - if anything can.

I had another checkup last week because of having blacked out about three weeks ago. I presume ~~this~~ contributes substantially to the anxiety that is my constant companion. Organically, I'd told, I'm in good shape. But I feel so old, so weary. Tired and worn. Which reminds me, if you do arrange an appearance, be certain I can sit for it. Incredible as it may seem, I have yet to get the first request for anything on King/Ray. Seven cities claimed Homer....

One of the things I've been wanting to get may be available to you. It is the speech King was to have made on the last one he did make in Memphis. I understand there was a change that is rather visible to those who do look.

Best to both,

Sincerely,